

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 290
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A RESOLUTION to direct the select oversight committee on education to study the impact of spiraling health insurance premiums on education employees.

WHEREAS, the cornerstone of the future of our great state rests on the foundation of the system of public education we provide the children of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, providing adequate benefits and compensation to those individuals who serve as professional educators and school system employees today across our state is an integral part of the commitment to quality education in Tennessee that must be made for the benefit of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, providing adequate health insurance premium assistance to our retired teachers is the responsible and just action of a state committed to quality education and to respectfully acknowledge their years of service to the generations of Tennesseans alive today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the select oversight committee on education shall study the impact of spiraling health insurance premiums on education employees, including active and retired teachers and non-certified employees of local education agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall examine: (1) the impact of health insurance costs on the take-home compensation of teachers, (2) potential equity impact of teacher health insurance costs on education in rural areas and (3) the status of current health insurance coverage for non-licensed or non-certified education support personnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall report its findings to the governor and the general assembly before the second Tuesday in January 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.